

Redeemer *news*

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REIMAGINING “US WITH US”

As I wrote in last month’s newsletter, I think it’s a great idea that while I am on sabbatical for the months of July & August, refreshing and renewing my perspective on ministry, that you use this time to do the same. Over the next couple months, I want to provide you a framework to “reimagine” your part of the ministry at Redeemer. In July, you will consider the ministry we do as “Us with Us.” And in August, you will consider the ministry we do as “Us with Others.” As has been said, we cannot export what we do not possess. Our ministry among ourselves first must be faith-strengthening and life-transforming, before we hope to minister to those outside our church. To understand what healthy “Us with Us” ministry is all about, I encourage you to search the Scriptures. I am including here a study based on resources from our friends in the Southeastern District of the LCMS (se.lcms.org). You can go through these on your own, or better, with others in a small group!

1. Understanding Luther’s doctrine of “vocation” (Ephesians 4:1)

- a. Read this from Robert Benne’s article on Christian Vocation, religion.oxfordre.com: “A teaching of Martin Luther that has had great historical effect is his teaching on vocation. Protesting the Roman Catholic arrangement in which the clergy had callings of higher religious and moral significance than the laity, Luther taught that all Christians have

callings or vocations, and that all callings are equal in moral and religious seriousness. They only differ in function. This teaching unleashed unprecedented commitment and energy to worldly work in the Western world. Paralleling his teaching on the priesthood of all believers, Luther taught that all Christians are called by God through Christ to be his beloved and forgiven children, and that they need no mediators to receive that graceful call directly. At the same time, however, Christians who receive that grace through Christ become priests to their neighbors, mediating God’s love through them to the neighbor. They do that very concretely in their vocations. Thus, Christians become conduits of God’s love received through Christ and offered to the neighbor in the various places of responsibility they have been given. For Luther, Christians do not need to cast about for places to exercise their obedience; they were given in the orders of creation into which each Christian was inevitably placed—marriage and family life, work, citizenship, and church. Each person—lay and clergy alike—is called to work in the world. In fulfilling their work gladly and conscientiously, they serve their neighbor.

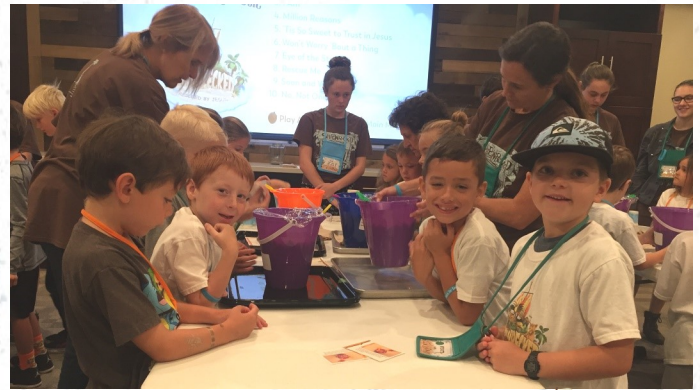


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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Our theme for VBS this year was “Shipwrecked-Rescued by Jesus”. Each day the children learned a new Bible Point & met a new Bible Buddy (Hope, Beacon, Rae, Guac & Moe). These Bible Buddies, together with the Kid Vid Cinema, Imagination Station, Bible Discovery, the

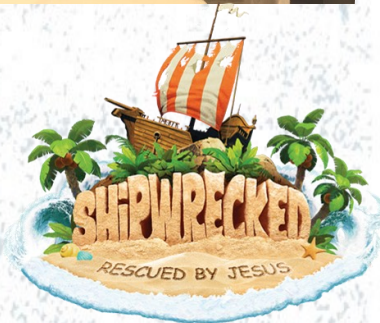


Castaway Sign & Play all taught the children that – When You’re Lonely, When You Worry, When You Struggle, When You Do Wrong, & When You’re Powerless – JESUS RESCUES!!!

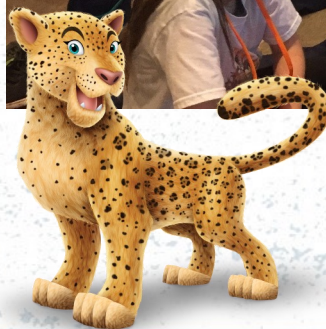
We had 140 children & 65 volunteers who made this experience a memorable one.

A great time was had by all!!!! Be sure to check out the videos & pictures.

- Rhonda Sutherlin, Director



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



**WHEN YOU'RE LONELY...
JESUS RESCUES!**

SUNDAY SCHOOL

With the end of the school year comes summer vacations! During the summer months at Redeemer Sunday School, we will continue the Bible Discovery portion of "Shipwrecked" learning more ways how "Jesus Rescues Us". The children will also be working on a very special project to reveal at the Big Event in September!

Until next time, keep serving the Lord....

- Miss Rhonda
Sunday School Director

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!

We are looking for individuals who have a passion for children & can volunteer some time to help them grow in Christ.

Areas of Need Include:

- Classroom Teachers
- Classroom Assistants
- Snack Preparation
- Check-In & Registration
- Special Events
- Christmas & Easter Programs
- Large Group Leader

GOD'S RICHEST BLESSINGS TO OUR GRADUATES!



MEGAN MCGEARY

Megan Graduated May 18, 2018 Cum Laude with a Bachelors in Sociology from California State University San Marcos.



STEPHEN DENNIS

Stephen graduated from the University of San Diego, School of Business Administration and a minor in Supply Chain Management. He is currently looking for a full time position in the area and to expand his audio-engineering business, SD Audio.

MEGAN BOLAND

Megan graduated from Stephen F. Austin University in Nacogdoches, TX with her Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies. She majored in Education (Early Childhood and Elementary) with a minor in Human Health Perspectives. She is currently teaching 2nd grade at Hardeman Elementary in Watauga, TX.



JEREMY RICHEY

Jeremy graduated from La Costa Canyon High School in June. He is currently attending San Diego Mesa College this summer and playing on the football team. After finishing prerequisite classes, he plans on transferring to San Diego State University where he will study Finance and Real Estate.

JR. HIGH POOL PARTY

JUNE 10TH



And ping
pong,
s'mores &
basketball
too!



SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

Over the past few months many changes have occurred for Sunday Fellowship...

new and a different size coffee cup/sleeve,
using McDonald's coffee packets,
determining which creamers to use,
a variety of 'goodies' -cookies and pastries,
removal of the donation basket....

Jury is still out on the cups/sleeves.

Love the taste of McDonald's coffee.

Why do some creamers work others don't?????

If you wish to donate toward 'fellowship' just put the \$ in the collection plate. :-) Finally, a special thank you to the first and second service teams who make sure we have goodies and drinks each Sunday - Rain or Shine! :-)

Interested in joining this team...Contact:

- First Service - BJ Campbell-Lahr
- Second Service - Ellen Bitner

- BJ Campbell-Lahr



GROWTH GROUP UPDATES

Our Growth Groups provide people an opportunity to connect with other believers and do life together in a supportive and faith-nurturing cluster of friends. Visit: RedeemerbytheSea.org/growth-groups/ for a complete listing and information concerning our Growth Groups.

BIRTHDAY GROUP

We celebrated the birthdays of Elizabeth Taylor and Audrey Wickstrand at Dini's Bistro in Carlsbad on June 7. Half of us watching the breakers roll in, the other half looking at the décor, and of course everyone looked across the table at the people they were celebrating with.

We contributed two hundred two (\$202) dollars to Solutions for Change.

On FRIDAY, July 20, 2019 at 11:30 a.m. we will celebrate the birthdays of Bobbie and Jerry Ankenbrandt, BJ Lahr, Lois Palmer and Patricia Sax at the Canyons Restaurant at the Crossings at Carlsbad, more popularly referred to as the Carlsbad Municipal Golf Course. Lunches range from eighteen (\$18) upwards. Restaurant policy is one check per table of six or eight, so be sure to have adequate cash to settle up with your table mates.

In addition to your lunch, we request a one dollar contribution per celebrant which will go to Solutions for Change, a local group that assists homeless families.

Everyone is welcome to join us but you do need a reservation with the Birthday Coordinator, Jo Voertman, jvbythesea@cox.net, 760-721-6674.

- Jo Voertman

TWO TABLES BRIDGE GROUP

Friday, June 22nd, was another beautiful day in Carlsbad, when eight RBTS bridge aficionados gathered for lunch at Carlsbad-By-The-Sea with our hostess, Audrey Wickstrand. A large round dining table is the perfect setting for fellowship and visiting and the menu afforded many delicious choices. It has been said and duly noted, "There's always room for one more person at a round table."

After 18 hands of bridge our hostess was high scorer, Marie Voien, second place and Jo Voertman's comment as we left was, "The lunch was delicious!"

If you are interested and like to play bridge please let me know by phone: 760-707-6677 or email: baconfaye3@gmail.com; you will be welcomed warmly whether as a regular player or on the substitute list. We meet in members homes.

Dessert and coffee is served at 12:30, on the 4th Friday of each month, with the exception of November when we play on the 3rd Friday, and in December it is dark. We know the darkness is always removed with the preparation during Advent Season and then the arrival of the Birth of Jesus and the Joyous Christmas Season is with us.

I look forward to hearing from you. God is, oh, so Good. Thanks be to God!

- Faye Bacon,
Your Bridge Coordinator

SALT & LIGHT

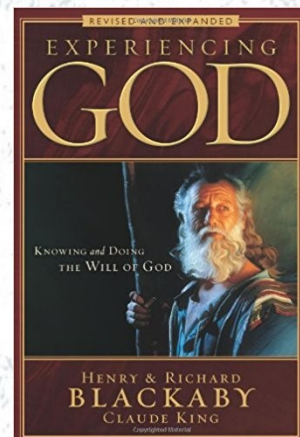
With all we see and hear today on the news, it's sometimes hard to recognize the government we were raised to respect. As a Christian Citizen we should know about the important issues in our community and we should pray for our leaders to legislate righteous solutions.

Heavenly Father, we pray that you would call this nation together and unite your people to stand for truth. We pray that those appointed into office would stand to fight for your justice and that it would prevail over evil. That we would turn away from "Political Correctness" and once again become "Biblically Correct". Amen.

Your Salt & Light Co-Leader,
- Dan Bitner

FALL LADIES STUDY

New Ladies study beginning this Fall! Wednesday mornings. Join us as we go through the study "Experiencing God." Through examination of biblical and contemporary illustrations, participants will understand and apply seven realities of experiencing God. Contact Evelyn Meyer for more information and to order the book for \$15 at evelyn10meyer@gmail.com.



SUNDAY MORNING OPPORTUNITIES - 9:45AM

JULY 8TH

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

SHARING YOUR TIME, TALENTS AND TREASURES

Speaker:



By being a steward of your resources and making intentional choices about how you share them, you can make your acts of generosity even more meaningful.

During the discussion, you'll identify the values that are most important to you, explore ways to share your resources to make a difference, and begin to create a personal generosity plan.



Solutions for Change

Join us on Sunday July 15 for a Solutions for Change presentation at 9:45 to 10:45 in Fellowship Hall. Learn why we at Redeemer by the Sea are so excited about supporting this worthy local charity. You will have the opportunity to donate to Solutions for Change on the 15th; just write Solutions on the memo line of your check or on your envelope.

JULY 15TH

SOLUTIONS FOR CHANGE

Solutions for Change transforms lives and communities by permanently solving family homelessness. Our approach is unique, providing a complete and sustainable solution driven by accountability.



SUMMER MISSION TRIP

I have two "memories" I'd like to share about my time working at the Salvation Army (SA) during our Mission Trip.

The first is the family that Ben Martis talked about one night at the Evening Program. There were three of them. A young mother, her baby and her mother. I saw them twice during the week, each time standing in line to get food. One of the volunteers told us they has just arrived from Las Vegas, trying to get away from some sort of abusive relationship. I couldn't look at that beautiful baby without choking up. Even now, remembering the baby brings tears to my eyes. I see my own children...I see myself...I am humbled by the



extraordinary...
luck... grace...
chance...??? that
allowed me and
my daughter to
be handing out food instead
of standing in line to receive
it. That baby didn't do
anything and she is on one
side of the table and I'm on
the other side. I suppose it's
just like God's grace...
completely undeserved.



The second memory is of
two of the employees that work at the SA. One had been in prison just
2-3 years ago and is now coordinating food distribution for the SA; an
extraordinary turn around for his life. The other employee told me of
her very difficult childhood with both parents addicted to drugs and the
home she found in church at the SA. The church was the most stable
thing in her life. She loved going to the Summer Camp sponsored by
the SA, not because she learned how to paddle a canoe or shoot a
bow and arrow, but because she would get 3 meals every day she
was there and have a safe place to sleep. Once again, I was humbled
by the places these two people started and where they have ended
up. I hope that I would show the grit to survive those situations...I also
pray that I never have to find out.



- Matt Busch

*Winners of
both awards!
The Golden
Spatula and
the Golden
Plunger!*



LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION



All women of our church who want to “serve God” and God Bless and Thank you, Redeemer, for an Overwhelming and Successful ‘Adopt an Apartment’ Mission Project for Solutions for Change!

Again, if it wasn’t for our generous and heart-filled RBTS congregation, and parents from our Pre-School, LWML (Lutheran Women in Mission), would not have been



of boxes and bags piled everywhere. So much so, that we had enough items to partly fill another apartment if needed. It was beyond words to express the feeling one receives BACK when seeing so many ‘smiles’, ‘tears’, ‘hugs’, and thankful words freely given by those present. One felt the ‘love’! The

able to donate in their behalf, seven car

Mission of Solutions for Change is to solve family homelessness – one family, one community at a time. Our ‘little’ project plays a most important part in welcoming a new family into a ‘real home of their own’ off the streets as they start their new beginning and challenging journey ahead in making changes for a brighter future for the parent and the children. Continue to support this wonderful organization, Solutions for Change, who are helping in changing lives! And we, graciously urge you all to ‘continue’ to help support

loads of necessary items to fill up an entire apartment for a new resident of Solutions for Change; Shannon and her four children ages 2, 4, 6 & 12. On ‘Trunk Drop-off Day’, Sunday, June 3rd, we collected everything on the ‘Register of Items’ for all rooms (Kitchen, appliances, two bedrooms, home accents, shower/bathroom, laundry/storage, cleaning /supplies, etc., and much, much more not on the registry, like TV’s, TV trays and small furniture that could be put together by the resident. Most items donated were new and some only slightly used. ‘Delivery Day’ was the following morning where all the campus residents came out to help us unload the items donated. There was so much; an overflow



LWML’s efforts towards the ‘little successes’ in serving Our Lord by helping people in need in the missions abroad and in community outreach in our own backyard. Enjoy the pictures!

- Mary Ann Meinardus



— YOU'RE INVITED! — SUMMER

PREACHERS
AT REDEEMER BY THE SEA

July 1 & July 8



Rev. Bil Hood

Director of Church and Community
Relations at Concordia University Irvine

July 15 & August 26



Rev. Dr. Loren Kramer

Special Assistant to the President for
Congregational Relations at Concordia
University Irvine

July 22 - August 19



Captain Robert Crossan

Chaplain Corps, USN, Retired

This summer, while Pastor Augie is on sabbatical, Redeemer is blessed to have these gifted pastors leading our worship service at Redeemer!

Pastor Hood has been the Director of Church and Community Relations at Concordia University Irvine since 2013. He has his B.A. Communications, University of Washington, 1991; S.M.P. Ordination, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, 2013. He's married to Kim, a life-long Lutheran school teacher. They have one son and one daughter. Pastor Hood enjoys music, reading, pop-culture trivia, Seattle sports teams.

Dr. Kramer began his ministry in 1959 after graduation from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Mo. His first assignment was to start two mission congregations, one on each side of the city of Santa Barbara, Ca., and to minister to students at the University of California at Santa Barbara. From its founding he served Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Goleta for 26 years. In 1985 he was elected president of the Pacific Southwest District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and served in that capacity until he retired in 2000. He is a native of Kansas, and graduated from St. John's College in Winfield, Kansas in 1954 and from Concordia Seminary in 1959. He was

granted an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Concordia University Irvine in 1988.

For the past 17 years he has served part time as the Special Assistant to the President for Congregational Relations at Concordia University Irvine. During that stint he served as interim president of Concordia University for the academic year 2009 -2010. In addition, he served as chairman of the Commission of Theology and Church Relations of the Lutheran Church -Missouri Synod from 2001 to 2010. Dr. Kramer and his wife Arlene will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on July 6th – Congratulations!

Chaplain Crossan hails from Long Beach and was ordained in 1982. After being commissioned as a lieutenant junior grade in 1984, he attended Naval Chaplains School in Rhode Island. He entered active-duty service in 1985 and started his career in Japan. He was promoted to the rank of captain in 2003 and, after several tours of service, he reported to Camp Pendleton in 2009 to serve as group chaplain. He has been decorated with the Meritorious Service, Navy Commendation and Navy Achievement medals as well as various other service and campaign medals and ribbons.

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Plain ordinary work is transformed into a Christian vocation as the Christian exercises his faith-active-in-love. Work is no longer simply a job or occupation; it is a calling, a vocation. It is a summons from God. Vocation is also where the Spirit sanctifies the Christian's life, not in a self-centered quest for perfection, but rather in humble service to the neighbor.”

- b. Now ask the Lutheran question, “what does this mean?” What insights does Luther give into vocation, or calling? How does Luther change that thinking and how does it apply to us today?
- c. Read these sections of Scripture and discuss/consider what they say about “calling”: *2 Peter 1:10-11, 2 Timothy 1:9, 2 Thessalonians 1:11, John 15:16, 1 Peter 3:9, 1 Corinthians 1:26, Ephesians 4*. How do we use our calling to serve others in our congregation?

2. Seeking and working for unity within a congregation (Ephesians 4:2-6)

- a. “A Christian is an utterly free man, lord of all, subject to none. A Christian is an utterly dutiful man, servant of all, subject to all” – Martin Luther
- b. Discuss this quote from Luther and how it applies to working for unity within a congregation. What makes unity in a congregation difficult? What helps us to overcome the difficulties?

c. Read these scripture lessons, then share thoughts on how/why we work for unity in a congregation: *1 Corinthians 1:10, Colossians 3:2-17, 1 Peter 3:8, Romans 12:16, Philippians 2:1-4*

- d. Why was unity in a congregation so terribly important in the 1st century? Why is it just as important in a congregation today?

3. Spiritual gifts and their use in the community (Ephesians 4:7-12)

- a. Read these Scripture verses, then consider/discuss what they say about spiritual gifts: *1 Corinthians 12: 4-11, Romans 12:4-11, 1 Corinthians 12:28*
- b. Look at the different gifts that are listed in these texts. How would you describe these gifts in today's language?
- c. Consider the others in your group, or in our congregation, and name some of these spiritual gifts that they have. What examples would you offer in how these gifts are being used in our congregation?
- d. Have you taken a spiritual gifts inventory? If not, consider taking the next “Discovery 301” class – where an inventory is administered and scored for you.

4. Discipling, or growing in faith (Ephesians 4:12-14)

- a. Read Ephesians 4:12-14, and paraphrase in your own words.
- b. How has your faith stayed the same since your baptism? How has your faith changed since your baptism?

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BAPTISMS

JACK
WRIGHT
JUNE 10,
2018



HARRISON SCHAEFER

JUNE 24, 2018



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- c. Name 3 things/people that made your faith grow. And name 3 things/people who have challenged your faith
 - d. Grade yourself (letter grades A, B, C, D, F) on the following:
 - My prayer life,
 - My time spent in bible study
 - My intentionally being with other Christians
 - Time spent living out my faith each week in serving others
 - e. What things get in the way of improving your faith life? Would an accountability partner help you?
 - f. Read *Galatians 5:22-23*, the “Fruit of the Spirit”
 - g. Talk to others in your group or at church and tell them one of these “fruits” you see at work in their life. Offer specific examples.
 - h. Which of these “fruits” do you think is one you need to work on the most?
 - i. How could we help members of our congregation to grow in faith?
- 5. The whole body growing up together (Ephesians 4:15-16)**
- a. Read the following verses and consider/share insights about collective spiritual growth in our congregation: *1 Peter 2:1-5, Colossians 1:10, 1 Thessalonians 3:12*
 - b. Was the spiritual growth of everyone in a congregation important in the 1st century church? Is that same community growth more or less important in the 21st century church?

- c. *Acts 2:42-47* is the first recorded description of the Christian church (immediately following the Pentecost event described in the preceding verses). Read the verses then consider or discuss:
 - Review the list of activities that the early Christians did together (vs 42-45). While they are all important which would you rate as most important and why?
 - What were the results of their being together in mission?
 - What were some of the challenges that they faced and how did they overcome them?
 - What are some challenges that our congregation faces and how can we work to overcome them?

Whether you work through these lessons with others or by yourself in your own devotional time, my prayer is that God’s Spirit will help you grow in Christ’s love for each other (Us with Us) – as you search the Scriptures to see how God calls us to relate to those in our congregation. And then next month as you focus on how God calls us to engage people outside of the church (Us with Others) – our friends, neighbors, coworkers and family – that God will increase your ability and desire to share His love with the people around you.

May God’s Word renew and refresh you!

In Christ,

Pastor Augie

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